UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

PAUL E. PARTRIDGE and PAUL E. PARTRIDGE, JR.,
Plaintiff.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-10601MLW

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APPLICA CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INC. and BRINK'S HOME SECURITY, INC., Defendants.

CERTIFICATION BY DEFENDANT, APPLICA CONSUMER PRODUCTS, INC., PURSUANT TO L.R. 16.1(D)(3)

Defendant, Applica Consumer Products, Inc., and its counsel hereby certify to this Court that the defendant and its counsel have conferred:

- (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course, and various alternative courses, of the litigation; and
- (b) to consider the resolution of litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in L.R. 16.4.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Geoffrey M. Coan, hereby certify that I have this $\frac{1}{2}$ th day of April, 2005, served a copy of the foregoing upon all parties of record by mailing same postage prepaid to:

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